CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   Apparatus comprising:

a communication controller which acquires identification information of an other device by communicating with the other device;

an environment module which determines the environment under which the computer apparatus is located based on the acquired identification information; and

a control module which selects a setting of the computer apparatus based on the determined environment.

2.   Apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the environment module determines the environment by identifying the other device existing in periphery of the computer apparatus based on the identification information.

3.   Apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the communication controller acquires a Bluetooth device address as the identification information from the other device being capable of Bluetooth communication.

4.   Apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the control module selects a security setting of the computer apparatus based on the determined environment.

5.   Apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the control module:

selects a security setting corresponding to the determined environment if the environment is a prescribed environment; and

selects a security setting with a security level higher than that for the prescribed environment if the determined environment is not the prescribed environment.

6. Apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the control module selects a setting for controlling power consumption in the computer apparatus according to the determined environment.

7. A method comprising:

acquiring information about an environment in which a computer is located; and

selecting a security setting of the computer on the basis of the acquired information.

8. The method of Claim 7, wherein the acquisition comprises acquiring identification information about a device in the vicinity of the computer, the identification information being transferred from the device.

9. The method of Claim 8, wherein the selection comprises selecting the level of the security setting according to whether the identification information about the device is registered beforehand.

10. The method of Claim 9, wherein if the identification information about the device is not registered, the level of the security setting is changed to a level higher than a current level.

11. A method comprising:

acquiring device information about a device capable of communicating with a computer apparatus;

receiving a security setting specified for an environment in which the device information can be acquired; and

associating and storing the specified security setting with the device information.

12. The method according to Claim 11, wherein, after storing the security setting and the device information, the computer apparatus further performs acts which include:

acquiring device information about a device ready to communicate with the computer apparatus;

invoking the security setting associated with the obtained device information; and

changing the current security setting on the computer apparatus to the invoked security setting.

13. A product comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code stored therein for causing a computer apparatus to perform a predetermined process, the computer readable program code in said product being effective to:

acquire address information about a device found in the vicinity of the computer apparatus through Bluetooth-based communication with the device; and

select settings on the computer apparatus on the basis of the acquired address information.

14. The product of Claim 13, wherein the selection comprises a change to a security setting on the computer apparatus.

15. The product of Claim 14, wherein the selection comprises a change to the level of the security setting according to whether the address information is registered beforehand.

16. The product of Claim 15, wherein the change comprises a change to the level of the security setting to a higher level if the address information about the device is not registered beforehand.